

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 669

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend James Paul Latture III
for his seven years of service to the Jackson
Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is James Paul Latture III, who has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce since May 2002; on August 7, 2009, Mr. Latture will leave his current post to serve as President and CEO of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in Jackson, Mr. Latture has been instrumental in expanding Madison County's industrial base by bringing in such noteworthy concerns as Bodine Aluminum/Toyota, while also working closely with existing industries to encourage and facilitate expansion; and

WHEREAS, in the seven years since he joined the Jackson Area Chamber, Madison County has realized the creation of nearly forty-two hundred new jobs; without his support and leadership, such tremendous gains would hardly have been possible; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Paul Latture served as Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Executive Vice President for Economic Development for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Development Board, and Director of Membership Development and Governmental Affairs for the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of CoreNet Global, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Tennessee Economic Partnership; Mr. Latture is a past President of both the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives and the West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and he currently serves as Vice President for the Tennessee Industrial Development Council; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to professional development, graduating from the Institute for Organization Management, sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce, and he is a 2005 graduate of WestStar as well; and

WHEREAS, Paul Latture attended the University of Mississippi, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing; and

WHEREAS, he is most fortunate to enjoy the loving companionship of his wife, Jennifer, and the couple have two daughters, Abby and Claudia; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson area is undoubtedly a better place to live, work, and conduct business thanks to Mr. Latture's efforts, and his leadership at the Jackson Area Chamber will certainly be missed; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Latture who use their considerable talents and resources for the good of trade and commerce in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Paul Latture for his many contributions to the good people of the Jackson area and all the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend James Paul Latture III for his seven years of service to the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, thank him for all he has done to promote trade and prosperity in Madison County, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.